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Medical Officer of Health

for the year

1951

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of the

Sanitary Inspector

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PICKERING RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

To the Chairman and Members of the Pickering Rural District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS,

I have much pleasure in presenting my Report for the year ended 31st December, 1951.

W. R. M. COUPER,
Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area in Acres	74,865
Estimated Population	5,190
No. of Inhabited Houses	1,714
Rateable Value	£17,351
Product of Penny Rate	£69/1/3

VITAL STATISTICS

Births.

	Male	Female	Total
Live Births	38	28	66
Legitimate	34	27	61
Illegitimate	4	1	5
Stillbirths	–	1	1

Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 population) ... 12.7
Illegitimate Rate (percentage of total births) 7.5%
Stillbirth Rate (per 1,000 population) ... 0.09

Infant Mortality.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age :

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	–	1
Illegitimate	–	–	–
Total	1	–	1

Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 related live births) 15.2

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age :

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	–	1

Neo-natal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 related live births) 15.2

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH

Cause	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis, respiratory	—	–	–
Tuberculosis, other	–	–	–
Syphilitic disease	–	–	–
Diphtheria	–	–	–
Whooping Cough	–	–	–
Meningococcal infections	–	–	–
Acute poliomyelitis	–	–	–
Measles	–	–	–
Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	–	–	–
Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	–	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ...	2	–	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	–	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	–	–	–
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	–	5
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	–	1
Diabetes	–	–	–
Vascular lesions of the nervous system ...	7	7	14
Coronary disease, angina	13	1	14
Hypertension with heart disease ...	–	4	4
Other heart diseases	6	9	15
Other circulatory disease	4	3	7
Influenza	3	3	6
Pneumonia	1	–	1
Bronchitis	1	3	4
Other diseases of the respiratory system	–	–	–
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	1	–	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...	–	–	–
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	–	1
Hyperplasia of prostrate	1	–	1
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	–	1	1
Congenital malformations	–	–	–
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	5	3	8
Motor vehicle accidents	1	1	2
All other accidents	–	–	–
Suicide	–	–	–
Homicide and operations of war ...	–	–	–
Total Deaths, all causes	52	38	90

Death Rate (per 1,000 estimated population) ... 17.3

Maternal Mortality.

One death attributable to pregnancy, chilbirth or abortion occurred during the year.

Maternal Mortality Rate (Maternal deaths per 1,000 total births) ... 14.9

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF BIRTH AND DEATH RATES DURING 1951

	Rates per 1,000 population. Live Birth Rate	Still Birth Rate	Death Rate	Infant Mortality Rate
England and Wales ...	15.5	0.36	12.5	29.6
Pickering R.D.	12.7	0.09	17.3	15.2

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following cases of infectious disease were notified during the year :—

Measles	27
Whooping Cough	8
Scarlet Fever	8
Dysentery	1
Erysipelas	1

Tuberculosis—New Cases Notified.

Two cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, both males.
There were no deaths from Tuberculosis.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES

(i) Public Health Officers of the Authority.

Medical Officer of Health : W. R. M. Couper, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
Sanitary Inspector : P. Pickering, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

(ii) Local Services under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

(a) Care of Mothers and Young Children.

Because of the scattered nature of the district most of this work is carried out by health visitors in the home. There is a Child Welfare Clinic at Thornton Dale.

(b) Health Visitor/Nurse/Midwives.

Combined duty nurses serving your district are resident Snainton, Lockton, Pickering, Malton, Swinton, Lastingham and Sinnington.

(c) Ambulance Service.

Ambulance stations at Malton and Kirbymoorside provide this service.

(d) Immunisation and Vaccination.

Provision is made for primary immunisation against Diphtheria at child welfare centres but the greater part of this work is carried out by general practitioners in their surgeries and in the home.

A high rate of immunisation against Diphtheria is not being attained and every effort is being made, especially through health visitors, to increase the number of children immunised. Unless a high rate of immunisation can be maintained there is always the danger of an outbreak of Diphtheria.

(c) Domestic Help Service.

This service provides domestic help, at a charge dependent on the income of the household, in homes where there has been a confinement or ill-health of the mother and to the aged and infirm.

The above services are administered by the Ryedale Local Health Sub-Committee.

(iii) Laboratory Facilities.

Samples for bacteriological examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton. A van calls once a week to collect the samples.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Water Supplies.

Analysis of Water Samples

Parish	Type	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Public Supply.			
Ebberston	Tap	1	0
Thornton Dale	Tap	1	0
Allerston	Tap	4	1
Lockton, Levisham	Collecting Chamber	4	1
Middleton, Wrelton, Aislaby ...	Tap	1	0
Rosedale Abbey	Tap	2	0
Cropton	Tap	1	1
Private Supplies.			
Bickley	Spring	0	1
Staindale	Spring	0	1
Langdale End	Spring	0	1
Hill Cottages	Spring	0	3
Hartoft	Spring	0	1
Ellerburn	Spring	0	2
		14	12

Considerable improvements have been made during the year to water supplies serving Wilton and Allerston. An extension was completed in Long Lane, Barugh and the connection from the Ness Water Board improved supplies to Sinnington and Kirbymisperton. A main extension at Rosedale to serve two cottages was completed. Attention to the supply serving Rosedale Abbey has made a supply available at all

times. The water scheme to serve the Newton area was completed ; it was found necessary to install a combustion engine to pump in dry periods. The water supply serving Hill Cottages, Rosedale continues to be contaminated and instructions have been given to boil this water. Unfortunately this supply is private. In the future it is hoped to improve this standard when permission is granted for works to proceed.

Details of the number of houses supplied with water, laid on to the houses or supplied by standpipes, are published. These are correct as far as can be ascertained from previous surveys and are as follows :—

PARISH	No. of Houses with Water Laid on.	No. of Houses served by Standpipe.	No. of Houses served by Wells, etc.
Thornton Dale	220	24	–
Levisham	19	–	–
Kingthorpe	–	–	–
Lockton	36	18	–
Pickering Marishes ...	–	–	25
Allerston...	33	–	8
Wilton	18	–	2
Ebberston	31	10	4
Middleton	34	7	4
Aislaby	6	9	1
Wrelton	16	11	1
Cropton	50	10	–
Cawthorne	–	–	1
Newton	40	–	4
Rosedale East	60	–	16
Rosedale West	8	12	20
Hartoft	4	–	2
Normanby	16	5	–
Thornton Risboro' ...	–	–	1
Sinnington	56	8	6
Marton	18	18	2
Barughs Ambo	17	10	2
Kirbymisperton	24	6	1

Refuse Disposal.

The refuse service continues satisfactorily. This is done by our own vehicle and direct labour. Improvements could be made in maintenance on tip sites where crude tipping is carried out. This would, unfortunately, require additional labour. Salvage and collection of scrap metal commenced during the year realised £40.17.6 without additional labour being employed.

Sewage Disposal.

An inquiry was held by the Ministry into the proposed sewerage scheme to serve the village of Thornton Dale. It is hoped that this scheme will materialise in the near future. This village empties all its sewage, the majority of which is crude, into the village stream. This causes a nuisance in the summer months due to increase in population and lack of water in the stream.

There is no sewage system or sewage disposal plant in the area controlled by the Local Authority, this results in the pollution of streams and water courses and is a direct contravention of the Rivers (Prevention of Pollution)Act 1951. The difficulty of obtaining grants for a proper sewage system makes the problem of complying with this Act very difficult at the moment.

Food.

Where possible food preparing premises were inspected during the year. No outbreaks of food poisoning have occurred.

Synopsis of Inspections Made.

Nuisances Inspected	7
Nuisances Found	5
Nuisances Abated	2
Notices Served	3
Tents, Vans ad Sheds	1
Drainage...	54
Sewerage	66
Water Supplies	359
Water Inquiries including samples	43
Conversions	1
Meat Inspections	2
Food Premises	24
Shops Inspections	3
Housing Inspections	80
Housing Visits	116
Housing Sites	172
Works in Progress	18
Refuse Collection	25
Building, including licences	67
Sanitary Conveniences	6
Planning Meetings and Sites	47
Rodent Control	2
Dirty Houses	2
Infectious Diseases	9
Factories...	8
Civil Defence	3
Petroleum	2
Dairies	1
Miscellaneous	90
	1,218

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949.

Villages have been treated in co-operation with the Ministry of Agriculture and this has proved very successful. Frequent treatments were made on refuse tips and infestation kept down to a minimum. No legal action was found necessary during the year.

Shops Act 1934.

Three inspections were made. No contraventions were found.

Camping Sites.

There are no licenced camping sites in the district.

Offensive Trades.

There are no offensive trades in the district.

Slaughter Houses.

There are eight licenced slaughter houses in the district, none of which are used for public slaughtering.

Flea Infestation.

One house was treated for infestation of fleas.

Schools.

The sanitary accommodation at schools in the district leaves much to be desired. The use of pail closets without proper emptying facilities is still prevalent. School canteens have been inspected and where defects exist notice has been given to the County Council.

Slaughter of Animals Act 1933.

No public slaughtering is carried out, except pigs for home use, and no carcases inspected.

Food and Drugs Act 1938.

Registration of Premises under Section 14 :

Ice Cream Dealers	5
Ice Cream Manufacturers ...	Nil
Meat Preparation	1
Fish Friers	Nil

Open Ditches.

These are cleaned by direct labour as regularly as possible.

HOUSING

1. Number of New Houses erected during the year.

By Local Authority	8
By Private Enterprise	2
Number of Houses under construction by Local Authority	16

The 8 houses erected by the Local Authority were as follows :—

Middleton ...	4 ...	Traditional
Wilton ...	4 ...	Traditional

An agricultural hostel was converted into two bungalow type dwellings during the year.

2. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year.

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health and Housing Acts) ... 80

3. Remedy of Defects during the year.

Number of defective houses repaired or improved ... 5

4. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 16, of the Housing Act 1936 :

1. Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ... Nil
2. Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices ... ...
   (a) By Owners ... ... Nil
   (b) By Local Authority in lieu of owners ... Nil

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... Nil
2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices ... ...
   (a) By Owners ... ... Nil
   (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... Nil

C. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936 :

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made ... ... Nil
2. Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders ... ... Nil

D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act 1936 :

1. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... Nil
2. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... Nil

5. Housing Act 1936. Overcrowding.

A. 1. Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year 2
   2. Number of families therein 2

B. Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... ... Nil

C. Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year... Nil

D. Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ... Nil

E. Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report ... ... Nil

6. Housing Act 1949.

There have been no grants made under this Act during the year under review.